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At approximately 1:00P two Beaverton officers contacted an assault suspect at 13745 SW 27th Ct. The suspect had been involved in a domestic dispute with his girlfriend earlier in the day at another Beaverton home. After obtaining a statement, officers told the suspect, 37 year old Christian Aaron Thompson, that he was under arrest for the earlier assault. Thompson stood up from the kitchen table and bolted to a nearby sliding glass door in an attempt to escape. Thompson was grabbed by one officer and wrestled to the ground. Meanwhile, Thompson's 72 year old father, Richard, attempted to prevent the second officer from assisting in the arrest. Christian was able to push himself away from the officer on the ground and grab a knife from a nearby counter. He then menaced the officers with the knife and backed out of the home.

A Hillsboro K-9 team was summoned to the scene and tracked the suspect to nearby Highland Park Middle School. Several people in the school believed they had seen him in the hallway. The school was then put into a lock-out mode for the protection of the staff and few students who were on scene.

A limited Tactical Negotiations Team call-out was approved and the school was searched and evacuated. Meanwhile, a group of K-9 teams from Beaverton Police conducted a search of the immediate neighborhood surrounding the school but the suspect was not located.

The suspects father was cited and released on (2) counts of Interfering with a Police Officer.

The suspect is being sought for Assault 4, Menacing and Resisting Arrest. Officials believe he is still in possession of the knife.